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Appl No. : 10/734,517 Confirmation No. 9983
Applicants : Benjamin Atkin, et al.
Filed : December 12, 2003
Title : ULTRASONIC DENTAL INSERT HAVING A HAND GRIP FITTED TO
A RETAINING RING

TC/A.U. : 3732
Examiner : Cary E. O'Connor

Docket No. : 51292/JEJ/D359
Customer No. : 23363

RESPONSE under 37 CFR § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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October 21, 2004

Commissioner:

This paper is in response to the non-final office action dated August 12, 2004, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response that expires on November 12, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration of the present application in view of the remarks and arguments set forth herein are respectfully requested.

Claims are listed in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. None of the claims have been amended herein.

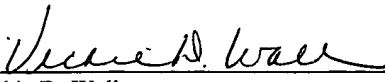
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	23	*23	0	0 x \$9.00	0 x \$18.00	0.00
Independent Claims	3	** 3	0	0 x \$44.00	0 x \$88.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$150.00	\$300.00	0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE						0.00
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					0.00
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 14 and 18						
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME **** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS"						

Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.

A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.

Amendment Transmittal Letter
Application No. 10/734,517

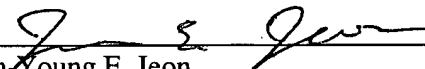
_____ Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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